



## MEETING NOTES

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

MEETING DATE: December 18, 2014

LOCATION: South St. Anthony Recreation Center

ATTENDING: Matt Wildenauer, Karin Misiewicz, Mike Richardson, Karen Flink, Bob Brose, Ellen Harrop, Sarah Grow, Brad Engelman, Margot Monson, Gregory Junge, Gregory Page, Sandy Jacobs, Ann Commers, Ray Bryan, Michael Oxborough, Stephen Mastey, Suyapa Miranda, Alice Messer

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Dilts, Matt Hass, Vivi Dai, Julie Ann James, Ellen Watters

NOTES BY: Alice Messer, December 30, 2014

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### DISCUSSION TOPICS:

#### *Alice Messer opened up the meeting.*

- Alice provided overview of meeting
  - Begin with introductions – state name, why Hampden Park is important and place dot on map where you live
    - Mike Richardson – works for City of Saint Paul in Planning and Economic Development and interested in design process
    - Greg Junge – representative of Hampden Park Co-Op – park is major attraction and would like to contribute to community by participating in process
    - Sandy Jacobs – Update Company – walks to Co-Op for lunch and represents tenants in area
    - Matt Wildenauer – student at U of M and views park as landmark for neighborhood
    - Margot Monson – lives by Langford Park, bee keeper and entomologist. Would like to see plantings for pollinators incorporated into park
    - Sarah Grow – lives by west end of park. Loves to watch people in park.
    - Ellen Harrop – walks the park everyday and would like to see as more interesting/exciting place for kids to hang out
    - Gregory Page – lived by park for 33 years. Looking forward to improvements.
    - Ann Commers – walks the park everyday with dog. Has been involved in project since Raymond Avenue traffic calming project.

- Karin Misiewicz – works for City of Saint Paul Parks and overhears citywide park maintenance.
- Suyapa Miranda – Executive Director with District Council
- Karen Flint – resident and loves watching diversity and changes occurring in neighborhood, appreciates park daily
- Brad Engelman – on District Council and see park as opportunity with bike route, connection to LRT and asset to City
- Stephen Mastey – Resident and been involved in traffic calming initiatives, like to see park change from pastoral to more dynamic and pollinator friendly, create gathering space and buffer picnic area
- Bob Brose – resident, skis in park during winter, like to see use of energy efficient lighting.
- Alice provided overview of expectations and role of Design Advisory Committee (DAC).
  - Community Vision and DAC is piece of design process. Other components go into design including safety, maintenance/operations, fiscal realities and existing plans.
  - Provided overview of current project schedule and budget.
    - \$155,000 - \$165,000 construction budget
    - Construction anticipated to begin late summer/fall 2015.

***Alice presented Site Analysis. Refer to pages 5 -8 of Presentation Materials.***

- Overview of existing neighborhood, surrounding land use, demographics and surrounding neighborhood character.
- Relationship of Hampden Park to Grand Rounds
- Review of existing conditions within park
- Presentation of Opportunities and Constrains
  - Existing open space used for passive recreation
  - Opportunity to define entrance points into park
  - Unable to build or plant above infiltration system in park – maintain as grass
  - Integrate honey locust trees into plaza design
  - Protect existing oak trees
  - Catch basins at Bayless Place and Bayless Ave. could be modified for additional rain garden
- Plaza Area
  - Becomes resting spot for bicyclists, pedestrians and residents
  - Connection to Co-Op provides opportunity for outdoor eating/picnicking
  - Plaza becomes identifier for Hampden Park

***Alice asked for questions regarding Site Analysis. Below are questions/comments from***

### ***Design Advisory Meeting:***

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- Question regarding on-going maintenance and project budget. Karen M. clarified that project budget does not include maintenance. Maintenance is paid by City of Saint Paul general fund. Plowing of interior park paths rarely occurs in winter.
- Stephen stated that City of Saint Paul Sewers has money set aside for picnic tables removed - \$9,000 to \$12,000. Stephen will follow up with Bruce Elder regarding balance.
- Question about permitting of park. Parks currently does not permit park, but it could be permitted for Open Space permit. Do not see large festivals in park.
- Question about considering use of park in winter season. How is it currently being used in the winter?
- Like to see park brighter and catch eye at cross walk
- Park is part of Saint Paul Grand Rounds and signage/identifier along route is important
- Explore Nice Ride Stations - Is Hampden Park getting a station?
- Explore installing ZAP station – is a statistical way to track bicycle usage. St. Paul currently does not have a ZAP station.
- Would like to see Saint Anthony Park on signage
- Plaza location is busy and loud – would like to see picnic and seating options within the park. Would like variety and options for seating.
- Like to see trash receptacles and cigarette butt receptacle in park.
- Public art to stem from what needed in park – Artist Soren (?) makes benches from stone that may be interesting to explore
- Explore permeable pavers in plaza.
- Stepping stone paths may provide interesting option to park
- Explore permaculture and fruit trees – concern with fire blight with fruit trees
- Grass with clover for pollinators
- Like to see consistent corners/entrances that identify park
- Question about animals in park – response that dogs are required to be on leash
- Statement about community message board/gathering point in park – concern about being messy and graffiti on kiosk
- Question about community gardens incorporated into park?
  - Alice clarified that community gardens were not part of master plan for Hampden Park

***Alice presented three styles for park. Refer to presentation materials.***

*Natural Systems*

*Traditional Neighborhood*

*Urban/Transit*

***Alice asked Committee members to offer final comments/thoughts. Summary of statements are below:***

- Bob Brose – No comments
- Stephen Mastey – Like to see a drinking fountain. Put together plant palette with three tiered planting styles.
- Brad Engleman – Emphasize park as neighborhood asset. Important to consider folks on

other side of Hwy 280. Grand Round signage for travelers is important.

- Karin Flink – People enter park from all sides and make attractive entrance at plaza corner. Sumac plantings should be incorporated with pollinator plants
- Suyapa Miranda – no comment
- Karin M. – no comment
- Gregory Page – would like to see quality benches and picnic tables, prefer less features and higher quality.
- Ellen Harrop – would like space to stay usable and not so structured. Accessible and open.
- Ann Commers – Agree with Gregory and Ellen. Explore use of movable tables for National Night Out.
- Ray – worried about fire blight with fruiting trees. Commented that bicyclists would not take path through park. Will use street.
- Micheal – Appreciate the forum for neighbors to speak about park. Balance in park is important. Add a little color. Important to use quality materials.
- Sarah Grow – Like to see different spaces defined in the park. Smoking area with receptacle for butts.
- Margot Monson – exciting ideas and like diversity for planting. Important to make sure origin of plants have not been pre-treated with pesticides. Specify in construction documents.
- Matt Wildenauer – like to see mass plantings under existing trees, more to look at in park, Bayless triangle is opportunity for additional plantings, explore area for outdoor yoga or different uses. Likes sumac grove because provides different park experience.
- Sandy Jacobs – aesthetically pleasing with more color in the park. More flowers. Like idea of plaza and think people will use more than think.
- Greg Junge – concerned about safety of roadway and still concerned after Raymond Ave. improvements. Cross walk is insufficient in current condition.
- Mike Richardson – Separate hardscape and planting areas – more gathering space to be used effectively. Like idea of smaller spaces to transform space. Spaces defined by planting areas and thinking about where spaces identified in park.

*Alice concluded meeting. Next meeting is January 15, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Preliminary concepts to be presented based on feedback from Mtg #1.*

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## **Next Meeting: January 15, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at South Saint Anthony Recreation Center**

Please contact Alice Messer at 651-266-6412 if any items are missing from the meeting notes or items were listed incorrectly.